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Wilmer, B. C., Thursday, July 2, 1903.

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DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Being to rain the Rifle Association did not hold their regular shoot last Sunday.

F. L. Snook is now manager of the Wilmer Meat Market, and his numerous clients are pleased to know he will reside in town.

Some choice views of Wilmer and vicinity are now for sale at the Drug Store. The supply is limited and if you wish any you must speak quick. First one first served.

F. E. Simpson, editor of the Cranbrook Herald, has applied to become a citizen of Canada. He could do nothing better. Under it this is the result of taking of July fireworks to Klinko.

At Sinclair J. L. McKay has on his ranch quite a novelty, which consists of wild calves. Both calves are healthy looking little animals. Last year Mr. McKay also had a cow which gave birth to twins that thrived well and were killed last fall and sold for veal.

In South East Kootenay the probable conservative candidates mentioned are Messrs. Thos. Carlin, J. A. Harvey, R. G. Galt and Government Agent Armstrong. The Liberal candidates mentioned are Messrs. R. B. Battie, W. J. Gird, Geo. Hiller, John Leask and Dr. J. H. King.

John Keen, of Kato, has resigned from the Conservative Association and says he doesn't want to see McElrath or any of the old government representatives in power at Victoria. He also says he may run as the Liberal candidate against R. P. Green, the present Minister of Mines. Green raised Keen at the last election, but Keen may change the color this time.

It is conceded that Wells will be elected in South East Kootenay without any trouble. He gave his district more than it ever got before, and now the people are going to give him vindication, says the Cranbrook Herald. No you don't, Herald. You have talked of raising our member for the past two years, but you can't do it. If Mr. Wells represents any district it will be NORTH East Kootenay, not South. You can't have him no how.

The B. C. Gazette contains a proclamation fixing the date for holding courts of revision throughout the province on August 31st. After August 14th no applications will be entered on the present lists now in course of preparation. Registration is suspended from August 12th to Aug. 31st. On the 31st all objections against the retention of any names on the lists will be heard and disposed of. This allows only 12 days in which to register.

The Imperial Bank of Canada has had its most prosperous year, as is shown by its annual statement just issued. The net profits are \$481,328.12, and the bank has paid a dividend of ten per cent for the year just closed, and after adding \$100,000 to what remained from the year's profits and \$411,312 from premiums received on new stock sold, carries forward at credit of profit and loss account \$160,386. The rest account now stands at \$2,080,312 while the total paid up capital is \$2,080,386. This is a great showing and places the Imperial in the first rank of Canada's great financial institutions.

The political pot in this district is scarcely warm yet.

The weather for the past week has been just what the ranchers most needed—plenty of rain.

Mr. Fraser arrived from Nelson last week to take the position of foreman at the Paradise mine.

Thos. Martin's mother and two sisters arrived from England by Friday's steamer, and will reside here in future.

R. A. Kington is reported as saying that out of 1,000 fruit trees which he has planted, only three died during last winter.

Get your name on the voters' list at once! Apply at the Government office at Windermere or Wilmer.

The Wilmer Baseball Club should not lose any time in practice if they want to see Mr. Foster's challenge cup next month. Route, boys!

Mrs. Dixon and child arrived on Friday's steamer from Revelstoke and will visit her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Scovill of Wilmer, for a short while.

Jas. Lemmon, who has had charge of the Wilmer Meat Market, left Sunday for Red Deer, Alberta, where he may start in business for himself.

T. H. Taylor, P.L.S., came down from the Praxman Mines and spent Saturday and Sunday in Wilmer. On the way down he had quite a phenomenal experience. As he rode along the road on turning a sharp bend he saw just a little ahead of him a large black mountain goat and he started his horse for a wheel after it. The goat kept to the road for some distance and the horse was gaining on it when it left the road, and Mr. Taylor gave up the hunt as it is out of season to kill goat, but across the creek he then saw a young kid. A fox hunt is a common thing, but this is the first goat hunt we have ever heard of.

Gradually the mines of this and other counties are being equipped with telephones above and below ground. It is a curious fact that to date but very little attention has been paid by telephone manufacturers to make telephones suitable for use underground, probably due to the fact that not until very recently was any attempt made to place telephones in the underground workings of mines. However, there are a number of mines already equipped with these so-called telephones made after their own suggestions. The one great feature is a dry box. But two telephone companies in the United States are known to make a strictly mine telephone, and it is probable that these companies will by their progressive ideas secure a permanent hold upon this coming extensive and profitable additional demand for phones.

New Serial—Chapter 1.

It is not nice for Wilmer citizens to have their friends from a distance come to visit them just now. They are pined them at the boat with a raft and pilot them up the road and along to town, or they can take down a pair of high rubber boots and let their friends enjoy the novelty of wading to town—this latter story is particularly nice for our lady visitors and children. Of course, many people prefer to drive through the water, which is sensational enough for timid creatures. However, the water has dropped over two feet and tourists must come quickly if they would see this phenomenal sight. Phenomenal! yes, phenomenal. Did any one ever hear tell of a government engineer ordered \$750 to be spent in opening up a channel and three years later the work was not even started? That's not what it is here! Who said, "Hah! Hah!" Later the road is now dry, but work has not been started on the channel yet.

Politics Quiet Here

Another Week May See a Lively Time—Candidates Talked of.

Provincial politics in the Columbia Riding has scarcely reached summer heat as yet, but there is a probability that within another week the pot will be singing merrily and it is just possible that it will be boiling over.

Our reporter is informed that the Conservatives have a candidate in sight who they believe will prove to be a very strong man and put up a good fight when the time comes should he finally consent to run, and our informant states that it will probably be announced publicly within the next three or four days who this dark-horse is.

The Liberals are waiting to hear what Mr. Wells has to say, although they count that he will be their candidate and that he will easily win the election. And now that Mr. Wells has returned from Victoria it is expected that in a few days he will make a tour of the riding and let everyone know his position.

Outside of either parties there are a large number of voters who will vote more for the man than either party. In fact at the present moment it is apparent that partisanship will be very much a side issue, although it is generally conceded that the best interests of the province generally can best be served by electing a man who will be responsible to either the Liberal or Conservative party. It seems that the general opinion is in favor of party lines in order that a stable government may be had.

One thing about the political situation that is not only apparent in this riding, but throughout the province, is that the fellows usually out with the "big-nit" have learned that they have played a game of "penny wise and pound foolish." They have learned that the few dollars to be gained during a campaign does not compensate them for the loss in business generally by electing an irresponsible government. They recognize that each member should be responsible to a party and a definite policy.

NEW GOLD DISCOVERIES

Plenty of Sensational Finds Will Yet Be Made

Have the placer mines of the world yielded all their sensational finds of gold? If rather looks so, for in recent years we do not believe that there has been any reported discovery of one of these sensational gold nuggets that made the early days of Australia famous.

Alaska has produced enormous quantities of gold from her placer deposits, but the largest nugget ever found there was taken from the Klondike a couple of years ago, and was valued at but a couple of thousand dollars. When compared with the immense Australian and Californian nuggets this and few of course compare.

Australia produced the greatest gold nugget that the world has ever seen. Both her placer and quartz mines yielded splendid masses of almost pure gold. The average of Australian gold is much higher than gold mined in any other part of the world. These masses of gold are known by names given them by their finders, such as the "Wilson Nugget," the "Blanch Barclay Nugget," the "Victoria," etc. The world is big and possibly the opening of new gold places in unexpected places may bring with it once again reported finds of extraordinary gold nuggets. Nature has hid the precious metal in a wonderful way from man's eyes. Prospectors are continually exploring Mother Earth for new gold deposits.

That new and sensational finds will be made in the future is positive, but like letters, it is hard to tell which of the countries will draw the prize, for surely a nation's wealth is its gold.

Farwell Dance

The dance in the Athalmer hall last Friday evening proved very enjoyable. There was a good attendance of young people from all over the district, who had gathered for the purpose of saying adieu to Misses J. and E. St. J. Robertson, who left on the Cranbrook stage Tuesday morning en route to their home near Nanaimo. Everyone present was bent on spending one more evening of enjoyment with these young ladies, who have materially assisted in every social event since their arrival in this district, and they certainly succeeded. Every arrangement made was well carried out and the Athalmer gentlemen demonstrated credit to the occasion. The music supplied by Prof. Harrison was as usual good, and the luncheon supplied by the ladies was well, what shall we say this time?—a little the nicest imaginable, and the ice cream, well, it was delicious, cold and two freezers soon disappeared. It was the much-expressed desire of those present that the Misses Robertson would decide to return again after vacation, but it is only probably that Miss J. Robertson will come back and her sister has decided not to return. The dance broke up about 3 a.m.

The steamer Parnagian brought no mail from Golden Tuesday, nor will she in future as it has been arranged for the steamer to bring mail up Friday instead. This is a change for the better and will be appreciated by everyone doing business in the valley. Hereafter we have received mail from Cranbrook on Sunday, from Golden by stage on Monday and by boat on Tuesday, so that the new arrangement will distribute the arrival of the mail to better advantage.

Fort Steele News

The owners of the Ralper and Red Mountain group of claims have given an option on all their properties on Perry creek to Frank Byron, of Frank, Alberta. In giving the option it was stipulated that a small cash payment of \$500 should be made upon the signing of the option, and the balance \$11,500 paid on July 25th next. A bill of sale of the property has been placed in escrow at the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Fort Steele prospectors are surveying promising placer fields in the vicinity of the St. Mary's river.

Report has it that operations are to be resumed on the Tiger and Poorman group, situated on the divide between the North Fork of Wild Horse and Sheep creeks.

A number of Fernie business men have taken up a large quantity of coal lands at the head of Elk river.

A number of Fort Steele mining men have located a large number of coal claims on Fording river, north of black pass. The coal is said to be of a superior quality.

Wm. Myers has resumed work at the Watson mine. This is a silver-lead property, has a good showing of ore, and with transportation would become a producing mine. It is situated on Victoria gulch a tributary of Wild Horse creek.

Albert Banks, manager of the Kootenay Perry Creek Mining Company, last Montreal purchasing necessary machinery for the development of the mine—Prospector.

A phenomenal find of gold quartz has been made in the Lardo district. It is said the vein is ten inches in width and that specimens run \$100,000 to the ton.

Women Mine Workers.

A recent article printed in eastern daily papers discusses interestingly the subject of women mine workers in Belgium. Coal mines are worked to depths of 400 and even 800 feet in depth, the veins being on a pitch which sometimes is as great as 60 degrees, men and women labor on all sides by side. The drifts and inclines are poorly ventilated, the heat intense, and there is great danger of explosions. Women work in garments not unlike a bicycle costume, of the linen cloth and lightest weight. Their hair is enveloped in a handkerchief, which excludes the coal dust. Girls begin work at the age of 14 years and work 12-hour shifts. Their main duties are to move small mine carts weighing over 800 pounds to and from the different entries, and carry mine timbers to the mine. Some of the drifts are only three feet in height and to move a cart, a girl is compelled to walk on her knees, carrying a small lamp weighing two pounds in her teeth. For such labor she is paid 50 cents per day. With all the unsatisfactory conditions which exist in the coal mining districts of this country, women have never been employed therein during the past three or four decades, and then only in isolated cases.

WE WILL ASSIST

Editor Tim Osborn:
Dear Sir—We are arranging for two days of sports on the 3rd and 4th of August. We shall be glad to have your assistance. We may from time to time send you news regarding the sports, and shall be glad to know if you will assist.
I can safely say that the people of the Upper Country will be pleased with the sports. We intend to offer in prize \$250. We count on receiving entries for the horse races from all owners in your district. Horses bred and raised in the valley and horses owned for a period of three years by parties living in the valley are eligible. Fifty per cent of the prize money will be awarded for horse racing. We propose having a fence the first night and a moonlight excursion the second. We expect to have good music and can promise every one a jolly good time.
Please list and other information will be sent you next week.

Yours truly,

A. B. McCREAGHAN,
Secretary of Committee.
Golden, 28th, 1903.

Property worth insuring is worth insuring in the Canadian Fire Insurance Co. Apply to W. F. Evans, agent.
Some of the members of the Windermere Life Association intend going to Golden to compete in the match there (next Monday).

GOLDEN NUGGETS

Two Days Sports Aug. 4 & 5—\$750 in Prizes

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Golden, B.C., June 27—

Yesterday, Friday, the Public Schools closed for the summer vacation, and the children seem overjoyed at the thought of the good times they expect to have through the holidays. A number of promotions have been made. The rolls of honour were given as follows: Junior school—(general proficiency) Mrs. Farnon, regularly Harry Wright, department New Haul, Miss Green, teacher. Intermediate room—general proficiency Mildred Nichols, regularly Maimie Wright, department Harold Tom, Miss Montgomery, teacher. Third room—general proficiency John Blackie, regularly Walter Morgan, department Laurence Dalquist, R. F. Landelle, principle.

Geo. B. McEldred, H. G. Gordon and Elton O'Brien attended the County Court at Revelstoke on the 24th inst., returning on Thursday. County Court at Golden has been postponed until July 20th.

Constable Ayton has been absent from Golden trying to locate the man who stole \$100 from W. C. Wells' store at Palliser, but up to date has been unsuccessful.

Mrs. C. F. Yates has gone to Windermere for a couple of weeks, and will be the guest of Mrs. Smyth.

The election of school trustees took place today, G. S. Saurbrey being elected, S. G. Robins term having expired.

Miss Montgomery and Miss Green leave on Monday for their homes at the north, where they will spend their holidays.

The Dominion Government Telegraph line inspector is expected to arrive in Golden shortly.

The Roswell town expects to go to Field for the 1st of July.

TENDERS WANTED

Tenders will be received up to 6 o'clock Monday evening, July 7th, 1903, for the erection of the Wilmer Town Hall, the material to be supplied by the Hall Committee, at Hugh Macdonald's office. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Plans and specification to be seen at the office of the undersigned.

HUGH MACDONALD,
Secretary of Committee.

Lardo Gold Find

Frank Marquis and Geo. Gilbert are in from the Lardo-Buncan country with evidence of a gold find that casts every thing heretofore heard of completely to the winds.

These gentlemen have with them pieces of quartz that are more than one half gold, and a prominent local mining man stated that in describing them it would be more proper to say pieces of gold with a little quartz.

Intense excitement was aroused in Kaslo over the strike and the room where the quartz was on exhibition, has been thronged all day.

In the fruit can brought down there is in the neighborhood of \$100 worth of gold.

Parties are being rapidly formed to proceed to the district to the find, and the fortunate gentlemen are in no way backward in giving every assistance to others who may wish to participate in

their good luck, by making additional locations.

Mr. Marquis, who is a reliable and experienced mining man, states that they have over one hundred thousand dollars worth of ore in sight, putting it one half of what he is confident would be realized with but a little more work. He says that he now has, at a very low estimate, over a ton of ore ready to be sacked, that will give returns of at least the above stated amount.

One has only to see the ore brought down to see the statement made.

The property which is called the Gold Park group of two claims is located on Poplar creek, a tributary of the Lardo river, about one mile from the Kootenay & Arrowhead railway, and about 20 miles from Lardo.

The find was made while doing assessment work. Some 20 open cuts have been made, in all of which good ore has been uncovered, giving fair values, but nothing like this find was met with.

The ore is white quartz and carbonates carrying large quantities of free gold and chloride of gold. The vein from which the ore was taken is about seven inches wide widening out in places to 10 inches, the whole gavage being impregnated with filigree gold. The vein has been uncovered in places for several hundred feet.

Later news from Kaslo states that the Poplar creek gold strike continues to attract the attention of every one. Business men, office men and miners, all being equally interested. Groups are seen on the streets excitedly examining specimens of the rock brought down yesterday by Messrs. Marquis and Gilbert.

All kinds of water conveyances were being utilized yesterday and last night to convey the eager gold hunters who have left for the scene of the find.

Many who had apparently little interest in the strike slipped away last night and they are far on their way to the creek. Parties headed by Al Palmer, Jack Reuter, Jim Spiers, Billy Moulton and Pete Kelly all left during the night. Pete Kelly secured the steamer Hercules, and persuaded George Gilbert to accompany him, which gives Kelly a great advantage. At Lardo it is reported that anything that would roll on the rails was commandeered and taken on as far as the condition of the railway would permit.

Dan McPhail and J. Gillis left for Bear Lake and it is stated that they crossed over the divide to the head of Poplar creek and are now very probably the first on the ground.

A telephone message from Lardo says that over one half of the population has stampeded and that the stores there are sold out of goods. Several fights occurred at Lardo over the possession of pack animals and meat of conveyances.

The strike is within four miles of Tenderfoot creek, where James Rutherford is developing the property of the Lardo Valley Mines, being on the same belt and the ore being of exactly similar character.

An average sample of the carbonates, which is the filling of the vein, brought down from the strike was submitted to E. Dedolph, assayer here, by Mr. Rutherford, and gave the enormous value of 365 ounces in gold, which is equal to \$11,500 to the ton.

Croppings

Jas. Brady, P.L.S., came up from Golden Tuesday.

W. C. Wells has returned to his home at Pailleur from Victoria.

Mrs. A. Home returned from Calgary Tuesday to Pailleur.

A. Finlay, representative of the Hudson's Bay Co., arrived on the Parnagian Tuesday.

A meeting of the Football Club was called for last night to decide about a game with Golden.

J. Miller was taken in charge yesterday and locked up as his mind appeared to be somewhat deranged.

The trustees for the ensuing year for the Wilmer Public School are F. Ball, W. C. Bennett and W. P. Evans.

Jos. Lake, R. S. Gallop and Chas. Cartwright are the trustees elected for the Athalmer Public School this year.

Divine service is held every Sunday evening in St. Peter's Church, Windermere, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

One day last week R. S. Gallop made eight bull-eyes in succession at the Windermere Rifle range. That makes Dick our crack shot. Can you beat it Golden?

The rolls of honor awarded in the Wilmer Public School were to Celestia Bennett for proficiency, Minnie Bennett for deportment and Willie Harrison for regularity.

F. Hainville, who has been at the Paradise mine for nearly a year, left on the Cranbrook stage Tuesday en route to Nelson and other points. He will be much missed as he is a jolly fellow at all times.

The Parnagian left Golden at 11 p.m. Monday and reached Wilmer at 6 p.m. Tuesday, and will in future run on this time. She will only run on to Athalmer and Windermere on Fridays.

E. J. Seavil, S.M., is the happiest Papa in the world. There arrived at his residence in Wilmer, at noon, Sunday, June 28th, a bouncing baby boy, who tipped the scales at nine pounds. Both mother and son are doing well. Congratulations, Judge.

At last it can be said with reasonable certainty that the Wilmer Town Hall will materialize. The shareholders of the company have decided that the work is to be proceeded with at once and the hall is to be erected on the corner north of the Telegraph office. The committee who have charge of the building are calling for tenders for its erection in another column of this issue.

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